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Art Unit: 3725

For: REDUCING TUBES OVER A STEPPED

MANDREL TO MANUFACTURE TUBULAR SHAFTS HAVING AN UNDERCUT IN ONE

OPERATION

Examiner: E. T. Tolan

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MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.